

# LETTERS



## Faster Immigration Processing

It appears that a shortage of immigration judges is a major impediment to rapid determination of immigration status for thousands of asylum seekers. May I propose that there are thousands of unemployed lawyers in this country who could be schooled in immigration law and paid to go to the border (or wherever immigrants are being processed)?

*Richard David Bach, Lake Oswego*

## A Different Take On Civility

There's another side to the issues of civility, professionalism and crude language, as discussed in the "Northwest Nice?" story (December 2018).

Court is important. In court people struggle over land, money, children, livelihood, religious belief and almost everything else. Some lawyers are wicked; some represent wicked clients; and many are not wicked but are on opposite sides

of bitter struggles in which passions run high. Sometimes it is the court that is in the position of taking away someone's freedom or children; sometimes it is an opposing party; sometimes it's an agent of government. There's every sort of tumult.

People deserve a lawyer who can respond. Lawyers are all different and they should be entitled to use every legal method of persuasion to advance their case to a court, to the other side, to the public or to bystanders. Lawyers should be able to express anger, contempt, disdain and any other method that helps save their client. Lawyers sometimes try to scare the other side, and they should be able to do that too.

In the final analysis, the people, the press and the work of the market should help lawyers to decide how they should act.

*Roger Ley, Svensen*

## Gender Observations

I've been a member of the bar since 1977 and have never written a letter to the editor. The January 2019 edition of the *Bulletin* prompts me to comment. It is telling that the article listing all the Client Security Trust Fund claims pertained to male members and none for female members. Also, the 50-Year Member Recognition Luncheon Class of 1969 is made up entirely of men with no women. Hmmm ...

*Linda J. Rudnick, Beaverton*

## Take the Trip

I applaud the Harper family's 18-month "big trip" (January 2019). So many of us are caught up with careers, making certain we have sufficient funds to buy homes, pay for our children's education and retirement. And, of course, many

of us are not privileged enough to take such extended absences from work. But if you can, don't hesitate for a moment.

In 1990, my wife had just received her Ph.D. and a grant to do research in Sweden on family caregiving. I was a partner in a small civil and labor law firm with a very understanding and supportive partner. With our children then ages 7 and 10, we lived in Stockholm for three months, then traveled for two months in Eastern Europe soon after the Berlin Wall fell. We spent the last month in a small village in England. We learned so much about our world community and about ourselves as individuals. The bond it created for us as spouses, parents and children will be with us forever.

My wife died unexpectedly this past summer, which has left my children and me shattered. It is the memories of such times as our Swedish adventure that continue to give me solace and joy.

*Steven Goldberg, Portland*

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